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MEMORANDUM FOR AF/IL DIRECTORS, FOAs, AND STAFF

FROM: AF/IL

SUBJECT: Energy Conservation (Ref: SECAF Message, 161144Z Sep 05)

The President of the United States asked all Americans to conserve fuel to alleviate the temporary fuel shortages caused by the catastrophic effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While some of the short term price influences we saw shortly after Hurricane Katrina have not materialized in the wake of Hurricane Rita, I suspect price pressures on Natural Gas and home heating oil will become an issue this winter. To mitigate the potential energy impacts brought about by these serious natural disasters, the Secretary of the Air Force has directed we take measures to conserve energy.

In Installations and Logistics we can do our part in several ways. First, as you work policy recommendations, consider energy use and conservation strategies commensurate with operational requirements. Second, all members of the staff already not doing so should strongly consider using mass transportation, or joining car/vanpools to commute. In the workplace, I encourage energy conservation actions wherever possible by doing such simple things as turning off lights in empty rooms and computer monitors at the end of the duty day. Maximize the use of video- and teleconferencing to reduce fuel consumption associated with duty-related travel.

As good stewards of our Nation's resources, I also ask your assistance in implementing energy saving measures at home as well. With the cooler fall weather, take the opportunity to reduce energy consumption in your homes by turning off the air conditioning and using natural ventilation. Using timers and sensors on exterior lights, as well as turning off lights in unoccupied rooms, are actions we all can take to conserve fuel and energy. More energy saving ideas can be found at http://www.eere.energy.gov/consumer/energy_savers/

October is Energy Conservation month. I suspect you'll be hearing of other ideas for saving energy to support the President's request in the ensuing weeks.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald J. Wetekam".

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cc: AF/CVA